

WOULD RAISE SOLDIERS' PAY

Miss Rankin Introduces Bill
Providing Maximum Sal-
ary of \$75 Month.

Miss Jeannette Rankin, Represent-
ative from Montana, yesterday turned
her attention from conditions of labor
for the women workers of the govern-
ment to the enlisted men of the regu-
lar army and the National Guard.

An increase to a maximum of \$75 per
month is provided in salary by the
terms of her bill affecting men of the
military forces.

The principal provision sets forth:
"That to the wife or dependent
mother of a soldier there shall be
paid not less than \$30 a month; to
the wife of the soldier who has one
dependent child, not less than \$45 per
month; to the wife of the soldier who
has two dependent children, not less
than \$60 per month; and to the wife
of the soldier who has more than two
dependent children there shall be paid
\$75 per month; and, provided further,
That in case of the death of a sol-
dier's wife, each dependent child of
such soldier shall be paid not less than
\$15 a month in such manner as the
Secretary of War may determine; and
provided further, That for the sup-
port of the children above the age of
16 years who are physically or men-
tally incapacitated, payments be made
in the discretion of the Secretary of
War."

Miss Rankin's Comment.

Commenting upon the necessity for
the adoption of her bill which would
carry an appropriation of \$5,000,000 or
more annually, Miss Rankin says:
When the breadwinners of America
go to the front to protect our country,
the women who are left behind must
bear the double burden of providing
for the family and bringing up the
children in a wholesome home atmos-
phere. Thus by mobilizing an army
and withdrawing the source of the
family income, we are greatly enhancing
the responsibilities of each woman
in the soldier's family.

"The woman who bears these re-
sponsibilities is performing a service
for the country which deserves com-
pensation as a matter of justice and
of ultimate social economy. We can-
not allow the ravages of poverty to
disintegrate our social structure while
the family earners are at the front.
We should not only protect ourselves
against such possibilities, but we
should recognize the value of the ser-
vices which our women give in time
of war, and should stand ready to
assist them."

AMERICANS WILL NOT PAY VISIT TO JAPAN

Root Mission to Return Directly
Home From Russia.

Despite the request of the Japanese
government that the Root mission to
Russia visit Tokyo before returning
home, it was announced at the State
Department yesterday that no such
visit would be paid. No reason was
assigned for ignoring the invitation
of Japan, which is sending a high
commission headed by Baron Ishii on
a visit of honor to the United States.
The Japanese are expected in this
country in a few weeks.

In connection with the announce-
ment that Root would not visit Japan,
it was stated that he and his col-
leagues soon will leave Russia. They
will proceed direct to the United
States and report to the State De-
partment.

That the expert diplomacy of former
Senator Root had much to do with the
re-entrance of Russia into the
war as a fighting factor, was the
opinion expressed here yesterday. He
was the driving force in the psychologi-
cal moment and his presence in Rus-
sia to the then tottering government had
much to do with the recent smooth-
ing out of affairs in Russia, it is be-
lieved.

Mr. Root has made extensive reports
to this government, all of which are
guarded with the greatest secrecy.
One official expressed the reason for
this yesterday as follows:

"It would not be fair to Mr. Root
to quote him. With the situation in
Russia ever changing what was true
today might be untrue tomorrow, and
it might place him in an embarrassing
position."

Air Raids Precipitate Attacks On Government

London, July 10.—The first really serious
attacks are now being made
against the Lloyd George government
in consequence of Saturday's air raid.
The Star, in a grilling editorial today,
called for a new cabinet. Other papers
demanded some very scattering blows.
Secret session of the house last night
was held last night at which the
air raid was debated.

TRAIN ACCIDENT KILLS ONE.

Boston, July 10.—One person was
killed and several passengers injured
today when a Boston, Revere Beach
and Lynn train, on the Winthrop loop,
jumped a switch between the Pleasant
street and Haverhill stations in Win-
throp. The train was carrying 100
passengers on their way to Boston.

Now That School Is Over What Is Your Boy Doing?

Has he anything to keep him
in pocket money? Anything to keep
him interestingly employed?

The Washington Herald Needs Boys to Deliver Papers

on routes. This does not mean
selling papers. It means deliver-
ing papers to the homes of regu-
lar subscribers in your
boy's own neighborhood. Your
boys are paid a regular salary
for this work which requires but
a couple of hours in the morn-
ing.

Some of Washington's biggest
men laid the foundation of their
wealth by delivering newspapers. Your
boy should be gainfully occupied
during the school vacation.
Phone, write or see G. E.
Mahar, The Washington Herald
office.

Put Under Peace Bond, Fails to Register

According to a lieutenant of
police, a young man arrested here
yesterday for failure to register
under the military law, when
asked if he had anything to say
in defense said: "I certainly have.
I am under a \$100 bond given
Judge Mulwony to keep the peace
for one year."
"If I register to go to war I
break my oath to keep the peace.
don't I? Well I guess I do—see!"

COCCHI TELLS MURDER STORY

Graphic Description of Ruth
Cruger's Horrible Death
Given by Italian.

(By International News Service.)
New York, July 10.—Ruth Cruger
fought until her last breath against
the terrible fate that was meted out
to her by Alfredo Cocchi. Even when
her slayer was beating her to death
she resisted with almost the strength
of a Samson. Semi-conscious she
combated the furious assaults made
upon her by her slayer.

These startling facts were recounted
in Cocchi's confession, which was re-
ceived by Police Commissioner Woods
and District Attorney Swann today
from Bologna, Italy, where the slayer
is in prison.

Cocchi stated in his confession that
he had never seen the high school
girl until the day she brought her
skates to his motorcycle shop on the
morning of February 13. She told him
she would call in the afternoon for
them. Cocchi says that then and
there he made up his mind. When
she returned for the skates he made
advances. She repulsed him, stepping
back to the door of the store. He and
the girl were alone in the shop.

"I grasped the girl by the shoulders,"
said Cocchi. "I drew her to me
and began to kiss her. She began
to scream for the police so loudly that
I choked her and jammed my fist
against her mouth. I tried to rip her
clothing off. She was so strong and
resisted so that I was not even able
to tear her dress. She fought to the
last. I threw her down heavily, her
head striking the floor. She was
stunned, but not unconscious. She
continued fighting, dazed as she was.
In my fury I dragged her to the trap
door and dropped the half conscious
girl through it. She landed head first
on the concrete floor ten feet below."

"With my right hand," the confession
reads, "I grasped a stick of
heavy wood. The girl's remarkable
courage caused me to hesitate for a
moment. She struggled to her knees,
her hands raised in piteous appeal to
protect herself. Three times I struck
the child as she thus fought for life
and honor."

Then followed a description of the
effect of the blows. Very slowly the
girl's body crumpled. Then, ever-
lastingly, she lay motionless. Cocchi
said that he then fled from the scene
of his crime.

"I then buried her," continues
Cocchi. "There was no difficulty. I
took the body, still warm, and threw
it into the Fourth Branch of the
corner of the cellar. I shoved it in
head first and pushed by the legs and
only put a box over the cavity, no dirt."

It was reported today that James
W. Osborne, former Assistant District
Attorney, will probably be appointed
by Gov. Whitman to conduct the dis-
trict attorney's inquiry in the alleged
murder of Ruth Cruger.

The grand jury today refused to re-
turn an indictment for perjury against
Lieut. William Brown, the desk offi-
cer at the Fourth Branch Detective
Bureau on the night the girl's disap-
pearance was reported. District At-
torney Swann expects to re-submit the
case to the jury and again seek an
indictment.

STRATEGICAL MOVE SAVES ARMY BACON

Defense Council Committee Averts
Catastrophe to Troops and Sailors.

Real catastrophe to the United
States army and navy has just been
averted. For some weeks the army
has been unable to get bacon and
it was feared that the situation would
become desperate. The army is already
almost extinct in the army. An army
without mules and without bacon was
a thing hardly to be conceived.

A. L. Smith, of the
Quartermaster's Department; Lieut.
Comdr. Paymaster Hancock; Lieut.
Colonel O. E. Heyl, of the
Quartermaster's Department, hurried to
Chicago.

There it was found that the dif-
ficulty lay with the government specu-
lative practice. A sub-committee of
the Council of Defense has been estab-
lished at Chicago to allot the con-
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SPANISH PREMIER DENIES WAR REPORTS

Dato Says Catalonia Is Not in
State of Siege.

(By Agency Radio to I. N. S.)
Madrid, July 10.—"The situation in
Spain is not alarming," said Premier
Dato to a number of correspondents
today. The premier issued his state-
ment after he had conferred with
King Alfonso. It follows:

"The situation in Spain is not alarm-
ing. These seeking to spread disas-
trous rumors are being exposed. Rumors
of Catalonia being put in a state
of siege is a maneuver by the alarm-
ists. I am convinced the government's
attitude approved by the best ele-
ments of the people. The government
cannot tolerate acts of rebellion no
matter on what part nor how highly
placed. Recent events proved the
measures adopted by the government
were advisable and dictated by the
circumstances. The government has
authorized the meeting of the Javate
party on July 11."

ANOTHER ONE OF THOSE "WIDE ONES."



DANIELS TELLS NAVAL PROGRAM

Expansion Policy Contem-
plates Simultaneous Con-
struction of 32 Warships

A great program of naval expansion
was made public yesterday by
Secretary Daniels. It contemplates
facilities for the simultaneous con-
struction at American navy yards
of 32 major warships. Sixteen may
be on the ways at one time. This
does not include submarines and
submarine chasers, which may also
be constructed in large numbers at
the same time as the warships.

Three shifts a day with bonuses
promised on the ways at one
time, sixteen warships, in addition
to submarines and submarine chas-
ers. Seven of these could be battle-
ships, two auxiliaries, such as trans-
ports, fuel ships, hospital ships, etc.,
and seven destroyers. Should the
needs of the nation require battle
cruisers instead of battle ships, it
would be possible to substitute these
on the longer slips for an equal
number of destroyers.

"In 1912 the ship building facili-
ties of the navy yards consisted of
one ways for battleships at New York
and one ways at Mare Island for
auxiliaries."

"At the beginning of the present
year the facilities available were:
Boston, one auxiliary; New York,
one battleship; Philadelphia, one
auxiliary; Norfolk, one destroyer;
Charleston, one gunboat; Mare Is-
land, one battleship and one des-
troyer."

"At Portsmouth, New Hampshire,
we now have four ways for sub-
marines, one gunboat, six to eight
ways for destroyers. This caused much
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Quarter of Krupp Plant Destroyed by Air Raid

The Hague, July 10.—A quarter of
the Krupp plant at Essen was de-
stroyed by bombs dropped by a French
airman, according to a dispatch print-
ed in the Maestricht newspaper Les
nouvelles today. One hundred work-
men were reported killed or wounded.

BIG AIR FLEET MEASURE READY

French Aviator Says Ameri-
ca's Plans Will Make
Victory Certain.

While Brig. Gen. George O. Squier
was telling the House Military Affairs
Committee yesterday the govern-
ment's plans for aircraft production,
Capt. de la Grange, of the French
aviation service, gave out an inter-
view showing just what America per-
forms in the air. He said that he
intends to maintain only 5,000 aerop-
lanes on the allies' battle line.

Advocates of the great American
airplane against the same number of
German aeroplanes, and Capt. de la Grange
shows what construction of such a
great fleet means. He says the big
question is material. The allies have
created the most modern models and
now it is within the possibility of
America, he says, to build these planes
and motors. Showing the future, with
a great fleet, he said:

"There are now about 3,000 allied
airplanes against the same number of
German. Imagine what would happen
if America suddenly threw in the bal-
ance 4,000 or 5,000 more in 1918. This
would mean that there would be
against each German airplane two or
three allied ones, and if during an
attack the allies concentrate their
aerial forces, there could be five or
six allied machines to one German in
the area where the attack was being
carried on."

"This would establish absolute
superiority of the allied aviation. The
German machines would be obliged to
stay behind their lines and would be
unable to do their work in absolute
security for in the German lines, and
could therefore direct the firing very
accurately and save a great deal of
ammunition."

"The intervention of the United
States in 1918, with a great and pow-
erful air fleet, would, without doubt,
secure the victory of the allies. This
would be a decisive victory, a victory
of democracy over autocracy. If this
victory was not decisive the question
would be brought up again in ten
years, and would not then probably be
fought out not in Europe, but on
American soil."

The House hearing on the adminis-
tration aircraft bill was practically
concluded last night. Because of the
British traveler in Washington and elec-
trical messengers in the country, members
of the committee said that no information
of the discussions in the hearings would
be made public.

Patriotic Burglar Buys Liberty Bond With Loot

New York, July 10.—John Sumner is
the country's most patriotic burglar.
After robbing many wealthy homes on
Long Island, he invests part of the
proceeds of his loot in a liberty bond.
The bond, \$100 in cash and \$50 worth
of diamonds were found on Sumner
when he was trapped in a Brooklyn
home today.

FLYERS FALL 2,000 FEET; Only Slightly Injured

Logansport, Ind., July 10.—Robert
Houser and D. C. Spaulding, pilot and
mechanic respectively of a govern-
ment biplane making a 130-mile trip
from St. Joe, Mich., to Rentoul, Ill.,
were slightly injured when their ma-
chine, 2,000 feet in the air, developed
engine trouble and fell near here to-
day. Their lives were saved when
they guided the machine so that it
struck a tree, breaking the fall.

TRAWLER BAGS SEAPLANE.

London, July 10.—Two German sea-
planes were destroyed by an armed
British trawler on Monday, it was of-
ficially announced today. Four Ger-
mans were captured.

SENTIMENT NOW HALTS EMBARGO

Report That President Is
Torn Between Groups
of Advisers.

President Wilson is being torn be-
tween two groups of advisers in
shaping the embargo policy. Cer-
tain persons under the guise of a
sentimental humanitarianism, are
urging upon the President that he
should permit enough food to get
into Germany through the neutrals
to feed innocent German women and
children—the German people with
whom the President himself has
declared, "we have no quarrel."

Men of the practical humanitar-
ianism which fed the Belgians, Her-
bert Hoover and the men who work-
ed with him then and now, have
shown him the folly of such a policy.

The German people are prepared,
the President has been told, to make
any sacrifice. The German govern-
ment is willing to do anything to
secure the food for its people. The
soldiers in the field are fed, and fed
well.

It was apparent last night that
the policy of strict embargo would
prevail against the neutrals ad-
vocates.

Predict Strict Embargo.
At the State Department it was
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Col. Roosevelt Gives 4 Sons to Uncle Sam

New York, July 10.—Col. Theo-
dore Roosevelt now has four sons
serving in the war against the
Teutonic allies. They are:
Mr. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., in
France.
Capt. Archie Roosevelt, in
France.
Kermit Roosevelt, appointed a
major of British general staff
to serve in Asia Minor.
Quentin Roosevelt, in Signal
Corps at Mineola Aviation Field,
with present rank of sergeant.

HOOVER WRITES TO PRESIDENT

Warns of Danger in Delay-
ing Passage of the
Food Bill.

Yesterday, after the Senate decided
to postpone the food bill for ten
days, Herbert Hoover wrote to
the President declaring that delay
in the passage of the food bill will
throw the whole wheat crop of this
country into the hands of speculators.
This will mean, says Mr. Hoover,
that the producer will be forced to
accept low prices, and the consumer
will be forced to pay high prices.
Only the intervention of the
vicious speculator will profit unless
some government agency intervenes.

Never in history, says Mr. Hoover,
has a similar grain market situation
arisen. Unless it is corrected condi-
tions will be even worse next year.
The farmer will be discouraged from
extending his production and the pub-
lic will be undernourished through
high prices.

The lack of the customary stabiliz-
ing influence of a free world market
for wheat, the inability of trans-At-
lantic shipping to handle exports at
usual, the single buying agency of
the allies, and the inability of the
interior elevators without the finan-
cial aid of speculators, are the causes
assigned by Mr. Hoover for the pre-
sent conditions.

Congressional Power Urgent.
The food administration has sounded
every depth of the situation, he says,
throughout the country. It has tried
and rejected many plans. It has finally
adopted some. It knows full well
that it is putting its life on the line
until the administration is endowed
with power by Congress.

Every day's delay, Mr. Hoover in-
timates, aggravates the problem. The
food controller will have to solve the
problem of the food supply. The
letter was written to the President
at Mr. Wilson's own request.

The impression has been growing daily
about the White House and Mr. Hoo-
ver's department, that the delay in
Congress was in large part due to the
influence of certain interests anxious
to delay governmental control of the
wheat situation at all costs. Mr.
Hoover's friends admit that some of
the opposition and attempted delay
to the food bill is honest. The rest
of it they do not hesitate to charac-
terize as sinister.

In his letter Mr. Hoover says in
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